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1. OCT 25-26 PRESS GAVE EXTENSIVE FRONT PAGE
COVERAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER KIM YONG-SIK'S REPORTED
STATEMENT BEFORE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE THAT ROKG IS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE
DIRECTLY WITH SOVIET UNION CONCERNING REPATRIATION
OF KOREANS FROM SAKHALIN ISLAND. FONMIN REMARKS
WERE IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE
CONSIDERING NDP RESOLUTION URGING INCREASED EFFORTS
BY ROKG AND SOVIET UNION FOR RETURN OF KOREAN
NATIONALS IN SAKHALIN SINCE END WWII.
AXWM THE FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTEDLY STATED THAT
THE KOREAN RED CROSS HAS HAD CONTACTS WITH THE
JAPANESE AND THE RUSSIAN RED CROSS CONCERNING THE
REPATRIATION ISSUE, BUT THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN SLIGHT.
KIM IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "THE GOVERNMENT WILL
PURSUE STRONG, ACTIVE MOVES THROUGH DIPLOMATIC
CHANNELS FOR THE REPATRIATION".

3. MOFA SOURCE TELLS US FONMIN KIM'S STATEMENTS
WERE MORE GUARDED THAN REPORTED IN PRESS. SAID FONMIN
TRIED TO GIVE IMPRESSION OF ROK READINESS TO DEAL
WITH RUSSIANS, BUT SOME OF PRESS READ THIS AS INDICATING
MEANINGFUL DIRECT CONTACTS WERE NOW UNDERWAY.

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